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I am truly disappointed by the settlement that was brokered between the DOJ and Microsoft. It does nothing of substance to reign back Microsoft's illegal behavior in light of their monopoly on the PC desktop. Microsoft is poised to attack multimedia companies and ISPs with their current exclusive desktop policies and I fear if nothing is done to curb their behavior, these companies will no longer provide viable competition in a market place the desperately needs it.

I feel that if this settlement goes through with all the exceptions that are built into it, we will be here again in several years trying to reign Microsoft in with legal action. They have shown that they are more than willing to ignore or circumvent business limitations placed on them by the authorities. They have also shown that they are more than willing to lie about their behavior if they feel it is in their best interest. They will find loopholes in this settlement and stretch them to their fullest to continue with business as usual.

Please listen to the concerns of the 9 outstanding states and of industry groups that are raising their voices (like Ralph Nader et. al.). If this settlement goes through as scripted, we will be back here again trying to reign Microsoft back in. The landscape of competition will look much more desolate than it does now, though, if Microsoft has its way.

Thank you.

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